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Annual Report of the Medical Officer o Health to the Port Health Authority (Penzance Division) for the year ending 31st Dec. 1953.

Gentlemen:

My Annual Report for the year 1953 is as follows:-

Section 111. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year 1953.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port within your Jurisdiction during the year 1953 was as follows:- British Steamers and Motor Vessels:- 663, British Fishing Craft:- 166. Of these 53 were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and 108 by the Sanitary Inspector. Foreign Steamers or Motor Vessels:- 43, Foreign Fishing Craft, 262, of which 79 were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and 20 by the Sanitary Inspector. All shipping inspected was found to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition and no orders had to be made.

TABLE "B"

		Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By M.O.H. or Deputy.	Number Inspected By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of vessels on which defects were found and reported to Min. of Trans. Surveyors.	No. of vessels as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board.
Foreign	Steamers and Motor Vessels	43	19150	31	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sailing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Fishing	262	4274	48	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Foreign	305	23424	79	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	Steamers and Motor Vessels	663	218,500	36	46	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sailing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Fishing	166	1826	17	62	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Coastwise	829	220,326	53	108	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Foreign and Coastwise	1134	243,750	132	128	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section lll Character of the Trade of the Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic. This is wholly composed of Passenger Traffic between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly. The majority comprises day and return trippers.

Table "C" Passenger Traffic during the year 1953.

Number of Passengers	1st, 2nd and 3rd Class	Transmigrants
Outwards: 17164 Inwards: 16963	All one class	Nil

(b) Cargo Traffic This consists of the import of Coal and general goods from Home Ports and flowers and vegetables from the Isles of Scilly. Exports from Newlyn are Stone to Home and Foreign Ports, shellfish to France and pilchards to Italy. There is an active Fishing Industry at Newlyn.

Section lV, V, Vl and Vll : There is no alteration in the details reported in 1951 under these schedules.

Section Vlll Cases of Venereal Diseases landed from Shipping in 1953: Nil.

Section lX. Table "D" Cases of Infectious Diseases of Vessels during voyage but disposes of before arrival: Nil.

Section X. Nil Return.

Section Xl. Nil Return.

Section Xll. Table "E" Rats destroyed on vessels: 5.

Rats destroyed during the year in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Black	Nil
Brown	33
Species not recorded	Nil
Examined	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

Table "G"
Not applicable.

Table "H"
Not applicable.

Section XIII. Hygiene of Crews Spaces.

Owing to the fact that the greater part of the shipping in your Port is Coastwise and, Therefore, subject to frequent inspections, the number of uisances in connection with Crews Spaces is very small indeed. No orders had to be made in 1953.

Table "G"
Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel	Number Inspected during the year.	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to Health
British		Nil	Nil	Nil
Other Nations		Nil	Nil	Nil

Schedule VII. Food Inspection.

The only Food-stuffs landed in your Ports comes in Coastwise Traffic from other Home Ports as part of General Cargoes.

No food-stuff is landed directly from Foreign Ports.

There is no alteration in details reported in 1951 under this Schedule.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W.LESLIE, M.O.H.